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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q86432

Noriyuki KIZAKI et al.

Appln. No.: 10/528,000

Group Art Unit: 1646

Confirmation No.: 7567

Examiner: Mohammad Y Meah

Filed: March 21, 2005

For: NOVEL CARBONYL REDUCTASE, GENE THEREOF AND METHOD OF USING
THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 21, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 - 4, for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims of Group II and Group III.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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